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Dr. John J. Taylor, assistant professor of microbiology at Montana State University, has been awarded a U. S. Public Health Service grant of $5,000 for research on a fungus that causes a disease in humans, MSU officials announced.

Dr. Taylor will study how the fungus, Blastomyces dermatitidis, works in the human body to produce the symptoms of a disease called blastomycosis. He began research on the metabolism of the fungus last year under a USPHS grant of $2,200. Knowledge about the fungus gained through research will ultimately have a practical medical application in the treatment of the disease, Dr. Taylor said.

The $5,000 grant is for one year, beginning Jan. 1, according to Dr. Leonard Karel of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of the USPHS National Institutes of Health. Dr. Karel indicated that an additional $9,500 would be granted to continue the study for another two years if Congressional appropriations are made for the USPHS research program.

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